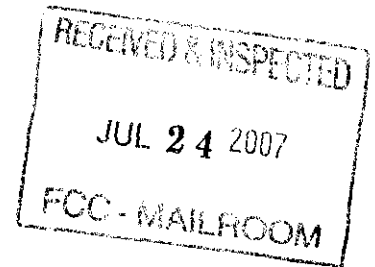


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HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND'S REPLY IN SUPPORT OF THE
PETITION OF THE COUNTY OF FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA, FOR WAIVER OF
THE COMMISSION'S JUNE 26, 2008, PROGRAM COMPLETION DATE FOR
REBANDING THE COUNTY'S 800 MHZ CHANNELS

WAIVER – EXPEDITED ACTION REQUESTED

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Harford County, Maryland strongly supports the waiver request filed by Fairfax County, Virginia with the Commission on May 24, 2007. In its Petition, Fairfax County requests that July 29, 2010 be established as the completion date for reconfiguration of the channels licensed to operate in the 1-120 channel range and the NPSPAC portion of the 800 MHz band instead of the June 26, 2008 date established by the Commission.

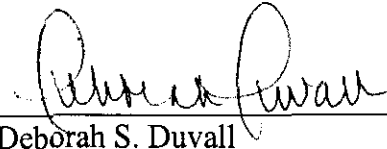
Harford County is extremely concerned that the timeline designated by the Commission specifies that licensees will assume all costs associated with rebanding which are incurred beyond June 26, 2008. Harford County is not in a position financially to expend money toward reconfiguration without being reimbursed for such expenditures, and as such, Harford County cannot execute a Frequency Reconfiguration Agreement unless the date is adjusted by the Commission.

At this time, pursuant to the Planning Funding Agreement, Harford County is engaged in the necessary planning activities in order to proceed toward negotiation of a Frequency Reconfiguration Agreement. However, Harford County, like other jurisdictions, is limited by the schedules of vendors as well the activity within other jurisdictions in the Baltimore Metropolitan Region which impacts interoperability.

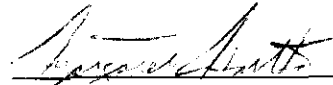
Although Harford County cannot provide a specific date as to when we will complete our own rebanding efforts, we are absolutely certain that June 26, 2008 is nothing short of impossible. Therefore, for the reasons stated in Fairfax County's Petition for Waiver, we support the July 29, 2010 completion date for reconfiguration, and urge the Commission to extend such date not only to Fairfax County, but to all licensees in the Baltimore Metropolitan Region and the National Capital Region.

Respectfully submitted,

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